

# PHENCYCLIDINE (PCP)



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# ***WHAT IS PCP?***

- *PCP is a dissociative anesthetic, or drug that separates perception from sensation.*
- *PCP comes in several forms:*
  - *Crystalline Powder*
  - *Colored Powder*
  - *Diluted in Water*
  - *Pills*
  - *Capsules*



# ***HOW PCP IS TAKEN***



***PCP can be ingested  
in many ways:***

- 1) Orally - In a pill or liquid form.***
- 2) Smoked***
- 3) Snorted***
- 4) Intravenously***

# STREET NAMES

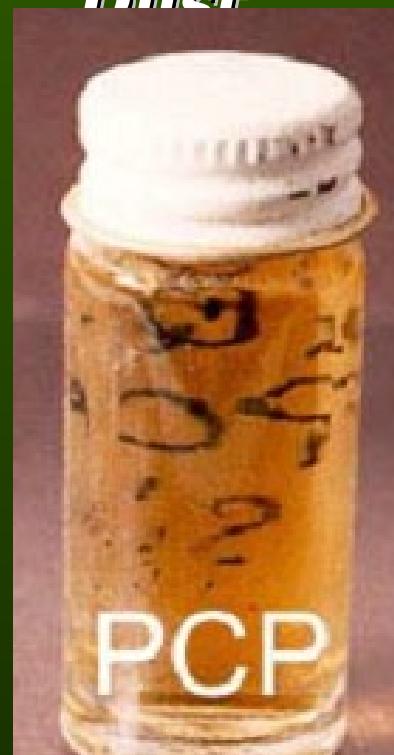
□ *Boat*

□ *Zoot*

□ *Killer  
Weed*

□ *Hog*

□ *Angel  
Dust*



□ *Sherm*

□ *Tic*

□ *Dust*

□ *Elephant*

□ *Embalming  
Fluid*

# ***HOW PCP IS TAKEN***

***PCP has been known to be used in combination with other substances:***

- 1) LSD - "Super Tripping"***
- 2) Marijuana - "Killer Weed" & "Boat"***
- 3) Tobacco - "Sherms", usually with menthol cigarettes to sooth the burning of the hot PCP smoke.***
- 4) Mint/Parsley***

Cigarette with PCP in Formaldehyde

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# ***HISTORY of PCP***



***1926 - PCP is first synthesized.***

***1957 - PCP is used on humans for the first time.***

***1963 - PCP is patented as a surgical anesthetic and anesthetic named "Sernyl".***

***1965 - Banned for human use due to side effects.***

***1967 - PCP is marketed as an animal anesthetic called "Sernylan".***

# ***HISTORY of PCP (cont)***

***1967 - PCP begins showing up on the streets as a recreational drug. Because of easy production and low cost, PCP begins to be sold as Cocaine, LSD, and other drugs.***

***1978 - PCP is put on Schedule II of the Controlled Substance Act.***

***1979 - Use of PCP spreads all over the U.S., 7% of high school seniors have used the drug in the last 12 months.***

***1980 to present - PCP use continues to be a problem but has shown declining numbers amongst high school students.***



# ***PHYSICAL SIDE EFFECT***

- » *Sleepiness*
- » *Dizziness*
- » *Irregular Heart Rate*
- » *Loss of bladder control*
- » *Jerky Eye Movement*
- » *Vomiting*
- » *Heavy Sweating*
- » *Speech Impediments*
- » *Loss of Reflexes*
- » *Kidney Failure*
- » *Brain Hemorrhaging*
- » *Coma*
- » *Death*

# ***PSYCHOLOGICAL SIDE EFFECTS***

*The psychological side of effects of PCP use can cause serious long term damage to the human body:*

- » *Depression of the Central Nervous System (CNS)*
- » *Stimulation of the CNS*
- » *Schizophrenia*
- » *Delirium*
- » *Suicidal Tendencies*
- » *Toxic Psychosis*

# **PCP USE IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Over the past decade PCP use in the United States has continued to fall slowly.*

Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
199	200	199	200	199	200
9	0	9	0	9	0

*Percentage of People Age 18-25 Reporting PCP Use, 1999-2000 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*

# ***PCP TESTING IN THE ARMY***

- *PCP can be detected in urine up to 2-3 days after it is ingested.*
- *PCP is tested on a rotational schedule by the military.*



# ***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES***

- [\*http://www.cananews.com/undcp/drugs6.htm\*](http://www.cananews.com/undcp/drugs6.htm)
- [\*http://www.drugfreenc.org/html/barbituates.html\*](http://www.drugfreenc.org/html/barbituates.html)
- [\*http://www.health.org\*](http://www.health.org)
- [\*http://espn.go.com/special/s/drugsandsports/barbs.html\*](http://espn.go.com/special/s/drugsandsports/barbs.html)
- [\*http://www.addictions.org/downers.htm\*](http://www.addictions.org/downers.htm)
- [\*http://www.drugfreeworkplace.com/drugsofabuse/\*](http://www.drugfreeworkplace.com/drugsofabuse/)



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